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Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972, by which it decided to establish the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme,

Also recalling its resolution 53/242 of 28 July 1999 on the report of the Secretary-General on environment and human settlements,

Further recalling the results and decisions of the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly, convened for the purpose of the overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21,[1] and, in particular, paragraphs 119 and 122 to 124 of the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21,[2]

Recalling the Nairobi Declaration on the Role and Mandate of the United Nations Environment Programme,[3] adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme at its nineteenth session,

Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twentieth session,[4]

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twentieth session and the decisions contained therein;[4]

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigenda), vol. I: *Resolutions adopted by the Conference*, resolution 1, annex II.

[2] Resolution S-19/2, annex.

[3] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 25* (A/52/25), annex, decision 19/1, annex.

[4] Ibid., *Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 25* (A/54/25).

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2. *Endorses*, in particular, Governing Council decision 20/31 of 4 February 1999, entitled "Proposed programme budget of the United Nations Environment Programme: revised requirements for the biennium 1998-1999 and proposed requirements for the biennium 2000-2001", which gives concrete support to the integrated work programme of the Programme and endorsement of its new functional organizational structure, and provides for an increased level of funding to the Environment Fund for the biennium 2000-2001;

3. *Encourages* the United Nations Environment Programme, in close consultation with the respective Conference of the Parties, to facilitate and support coordination within and among environmental and environment-related conventions and agreements, and to address the scientific and policy analysis of global environmental issues, bearing in mind Governing Council decision 20/18 of 4 February 1999 concerning multilateral environmental assessment and programmatic support to multilateral environmental conventions;

4. *Takes note with appreciation* of the contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme to the Commission on Sustainable Development at its seventh session, and encourages the Governing Council at future sessions to provide scientific, technical and policy information and analysis of and advice on global environmental issues to the Commission at future sessions and, in particular, to contribute to the preparation of the ten-year review of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in 2002;

5. *Welcomes* the progress in the negotiation of an international legally binding instrument for implementing international action on certain persistent organic pollutants with a view to its conclusion by 2000, and encourages the United Nations Environment Programme to make more progress on the other pending negotiations;

6. *Encourages* the supporting role of the United Nations Environment Programme to developing countries, particularly in Africa through the development of policy support and capacity-building for international environmental negotiation, *inter alia*, through the revitalization of the African Ministerial Conference on Environment;

7. *Supports* the reform being undertaken in the United Nations Environment Programme, and underscores the need for additional stable, adequate and predictable financial resources to ensure the full implementation of its mandates.